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Seaborn called on Sullivan August 6 afternoon to compare views recent events DRV. He is personally delighted (perhaps more so than Ottawa) by US air strikes against targets in DRV.

He has received no reports from his ICC representative in Hanoi since air strikes. Indian Signal Service, which handles ICC communications, informs Seaborn that all its traffic since evening August 5 has been heavily jammed.

Canadian element fixed team at Vinh has sent brief cryptic message August 6 reporting that air attack had taken place. No details.

Seaborn has sent 2 senior Canadian representatives on August 6 ICC flight to Hanoi via Vientiane. He has some doubts ICC plane will be permitted land Hanoi at this time.

Seaborn himself still plans travel Hanoi August 10 if ICC is permitted hold its scheduled meeting there. He has, however, sent message to Ottawa pointing out that his trip will take him out of communication for 5 days. He hopes not receive orders to remain Saigon and Sullivan encouraged him to carry out his projected Hanoi trip as planned.

Trip itself as well as US air action DRV were discussed in ICC meeting August 6. All 3 commissions agreed trip should proceed. US air action was discussed obliquely and indecisively. Commission agreed to text of cable to DRV agreeing investigate DRV complaints re off-shore

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re off-shore bombardment which allegedly occured July 30-31.

Seaborn reports he has received no additional instructions from Ottawa since recent Tonkin Gulf and US air strikes. If Washington has any suggestions for Seaborn's next Hanoi visit, they should be conveyed Canadians soonest.

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